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AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of encoding input information of k-bits and generating a codeword with length $N > (2^k-1)$ in a mobile communication system, comprising the steps of:

encoding the input information using a (r, k) simplex code and generating a sequence of code symbols of length \mathbf{r} , where $[[(]]\mathbf{r} = 2^k - 1[[)]]$;

repeating the sequence of code symbols t times, where $[[(]]t = \lfloor \frac{N}{r} \rfloor + 1[[)]]$; and

puncturing A times (A = rt - N) on the t repeated code symbol sequences so that the resulting codes have length N, where A = rt - N.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the punctured symbols are distributed uniformly across the repeated code symbol sequences.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the punctured symbols are confined to the tth repeated code symbol sequence.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for encoding input information of k-bits sequence and generating a codeword with length $N > (2^k-1)$, comprising:

an encoder for encoding the input information using an (r, k) simplex code and generating a sequence of code symbols of length r, where $[[(]]r = 2^k - 1[[)]];$

a repeater for repeating the sequence of code symbols t times, where $[[(]]t = \lfloor \frac{N}{r} \rfloor + 1[[)]];$

and

a puncturer for puncturing A times (A = rt - N) on the t repeated code symbol sequences so that the resulting codes have length N, where A = rt - N.

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- 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the punctured symbols are distributed uniformly across the repeated code symbol sequences.
- 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the punctured symbols are confined to the tth repeated code symbol sequence.
- 7. (Currently Amended) An encoding method in a mobile communication system comprising the steps of:

encoding input information using a (7, 3) simplex code and generating a sequence of code symbols of length 7;

repeating the sequence of code symbols
$$t$$
 times, where $[[(]]t = \lfloor \frac{N}{r} \rfloor + 1][]$; and

performing puncturing A times, where A = rt - N, (A = rt - N) on the t repeated code symbol sequences in a predetermined puncturing pattern so that the resulting codes have length N that is not a multiple of 7.

- 8. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 1, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture six arbitrary symbols.
- 9. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 2, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture five arbitrary symbols.
- 10. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 3, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture the third, fifth, sixth, and seventh symbols of the tth repeated code symbol sequence.

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11. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 4, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture the third, fifth, and sixth symbols of the tth repeated code symbol sequence.

- 12. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 5, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture two arbitrary symbols.
- 13. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 6, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture one arbitrary symbol.
- 14. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 3, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture the $(n1\times7+3)^{th}$, $(n2\times7+5)^{th}$, $(n3\times7+6)^{th}$, and $(n4\times7+7)^{th}$ symbols of the repeated code symbols $(0 \le n1, n2, n3, n4 \le (t-1))$.
- 15. (Original) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein if the remainder of dividing the N by 7 is 4, the predetermined puncturing pattern is set to puncture the $(n1\times7+1)^{th}$, $(n2\times7+2)^{th}$, and $(n3\times7+3)^{th}$ symbols of the repeated code symbols $(0\le n1, n2, n3\le (t-1))$.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the k-bits sequence is information indicating a data rate of a mobile station.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the k-bits sequence is information indicating a data rate of a mobile station.

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18. (Previously Presented) The encoding method of claim 7, wherein the input information indicates a data rate of a mobile station.